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QUOTE

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TAGS: SENV, ESCAP, ECWA, PLO

SUBJECT: VANCOUVER CONFERENCE -- POSSIBILITY THAT ISRAELI REP
WILL BE BARRED FROM ATTENDING

STATE'S 147095 AND USUN 3117

1. SYG WALDHEIM EXPRESSED VIEW THAT UPCOMING VANCOUVER HABITAT
CONF WLD REFUSE TO BAR ISRAEL REP FROM ATTENDING MTG.

WALDHEIM TOLD AMB SCALI THIS WAS HIS CONFIDENTIAL

ASSESSMENT AFTER PERSONALLY TALKING TO SYG'S OF ESCAP

AND ECWA WHO WERE IN NY AT PRESENT. WALDHEIM SAID

IN KEEPING WITH HIS PROJISE TO SCALI, HE URGENTLY

EISCUSSEE WITH THEM RECOMMENDATIONS BY TEHRAN GROUP

RECOMMENDING ISRAEL BE BARRED. WALDHEIM SAID THE

TEHRAN RECOMMENDATIN WAS ONE OF FOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

WHICH WOULD BE FORTHCOMING BEFORE VANCOUVER MTG.

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HE SAIE IT LIKELY PREPARIORY COMMISSION IN

CAIRO WLD PARALLEL TEHRAN RECOMMENDATIONS. BUT HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT BOTH LA AND EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUPS WOULD TAKE OPPOSITE STAND, INSISTING ON ISRAELI ATTENDANCE. THUS, HE BELIEVES TWO REGIONAL GROUPS WILL VOTE FOR AND TWO AGAINST ISRAELI ATTENDANCE, MAKING IT LIKELY ONFERENCE WILL ALLOW ISRAELI PARTICIPATION.

2. SCALI EXPRESSED OPINION THAT WALDHEIM ASSESSMENT APPEARED TO BE OPTIMISTIC BUT IF CAIRO SESSION VOTES THE SAME AS TEHRAN MTG DID, IT WLD CREATE BANDWAGON EFFECT THAT WOULD IMPORTANTLY INFLUENCE OVER-ALL VOTE AT VANCOUVER REGARDLESS OF WHAT LA AND EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUPS RECOMMENDED.

3. WALDHEIM DISAGREED BUT PROMISED TO CONTINUE MAKING KNOWN HIS OPPOSITION TO BARRING ISRAEL FROM VANCOUVER MEETING. SCALI EMPHASIZED SERIOUSNESS OF RESULTS IF ISRAEL REP WERE EXCLUDED. SCALI

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